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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 308139 VICE 308062)
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TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NKOMO-MUGABE RESPONSES TO OWEN'S
INVITATION

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BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN MAPUTO ON DECEMBER 23. HE SAID
THAT OWEN'S LETTER DID NOT SPEAK TO KEY ISSUE OF BRITISH
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THAT OWEN ISSUE A PUBLIC DENUNCIATION OF THOSE TALKS
AS WELL AS STATE CLEARLY THAT THEIR RESULTS COULD NOT
RECEIVE HMG'S BLESSINGS. HE OBJECTED TO LONDON AND

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VENUES AND SUGGESTED THAT DAR OR MAPUTO WOULD BE BEST.
HE NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REJECTED INVITATION, BUT
INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH ZAPU AND WOULD

BE OPEN TO FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM OWEN.

3. NKOMO WAS HANDED HIS LETTER BY THE BRITISH
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NKOMO AIDE MADZIMBAMUTO SAID THAT HIS CHIEF WAS RESTOR-
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HE WOULD BE LEAVING THE ISLAND ON DECEMBER 30 OR 31 TO
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5. IN RESPONSE TO UK QUESTION CONCERNING PUBLICITY
FOR THE OWEN LETTER, MADZIMBAMUTO ASSERTED THAT IT
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